

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 2 and 5 have been cancelled, while claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 2 and 5. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended such that they each depend from claim 1. Claim 9 has been cancelled, while claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 9. Claims 14 and 17 have been cancelled, while claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 14 and 17. Claims 15 and 16 have been amended such that they each depend from claim 13. In addition, the claims have been amended for clarity.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 7 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicant admitted prior art page 1, lines 1-24 in view of Japanese Patent No. JP-10083200A. The Examiner has further rejected claims 2-4, 6 and 14-16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicant admitted prior art page 1, lines 1-24 in view of Japanese Patent No. JP-10083200A, and further in view of U.S. Patent 4,777,620 to Shimoni et al. Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner has found claims 5, 9 and 17 allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above changes, Applicant believes that the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections have been overcome.

Applicant believes that this application, containing claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 13, 15, 16 and 18, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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